Embracing Change

The Garden Club of America
2020–2021 Annual Report

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Embracing Change:
From the President

The ancient Greek philosopher Heraclitus is credited with saying, "The only constant is change." He was right. When faced with a monumental change—the inability to hold our myriad of in-person meetings and conferences—rather than try to sail against the wind, the GCA, its staff, and its member clubs chose to embrace change. Under this leadership, the limitations of in-person meetings were exchanged for the flexibility and inclusivity offered by virtual meetings. This brought us all closer together and will strengthen the organization and its clubs for generations to come.

The GCA mantra during the pandemic has always been and remains to this day —*the health and safety of our club and staff members is our highest priority*. To accomplish this, we had no choice but to change, and we proved that age-old traditions can be retained and even improved upon.

Strong individuals perform at their best under pressure, and GCA and club leaders and staff stepped into new and challenging positions, exhibiting tenacity and outright optimism. All of us directly benefited from the extraordinary talents of these leaders, and without their willingness to undertake daunting responsibilities, our efforts to deal with the challenges of the pandemic would not have been nearly as successful. To each of them, we are eternally grateful.

This past year came at a cost to all of us. We lost beloved family members, friends, and club members, and we have missed the pleasure of seeing and greeting one another across the table or in the garden. But we survived. We found new strengths and capacities, and we are in a strong position to build success upon success. For this and so much more, I thank you.

Debbie Edwards

Debbie Edwards
GCA President 2019-2021

Strategic Plan
2019–2024 Update

During the past year, significant strides have been made in implementing the strategic plan. Here is a status report.

Governance and Leadership

OBJECTIVE: To facilitate outreach to clubs.

- A new zone leadership structure is in place.
- The Civic Improvement Committee has been created to better coordinate the delivery of GCA grants to clubs.
- The Archives and Historian committees have been combined to more effectively manage the GCA's archives.
- The Board of Associates Committee has been formed to better engage these former GCA leaders.
- A GCA Volunteer Interest Form has been created for club members who are interested in serving at the national level.

Club Services and Meetings

OBJECTIVE: To provide educational opportunities to clubs and club members.

- A new GCA Annual Meeting schedule has been established to reduce the time and cost demands on clubs, to commence in 2026. Annual meetings will be held in-person, and portions of them will be held virtually, open to all club members.
- The Conservation Study Conference has transitioned to an annual virtual conference, and new virtual annual education conferences have been established for Photography and Floral Design—all open to all club members. The Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference will be held in-person every other year, and in the intervening years, the conference will be offered virtually and open to all club members.
- Popular On the Road with the GCA events will resume as soon as possible.

Communication

OBJECTIVE: To improve the lines of communication.

- Based upon the GCA's *Purpose Statement*, core organizational messages are now central to GCA communications. They include the *Vision*, *Mission*, *Values*, and *Tagline*.
- Communicating openly is a priority.
- Committee and zone leaders have developed streamlined, consistent, and timely messaging.
- Strategies have been put into place to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of the GCA's committee-specific publications.

Financial Security

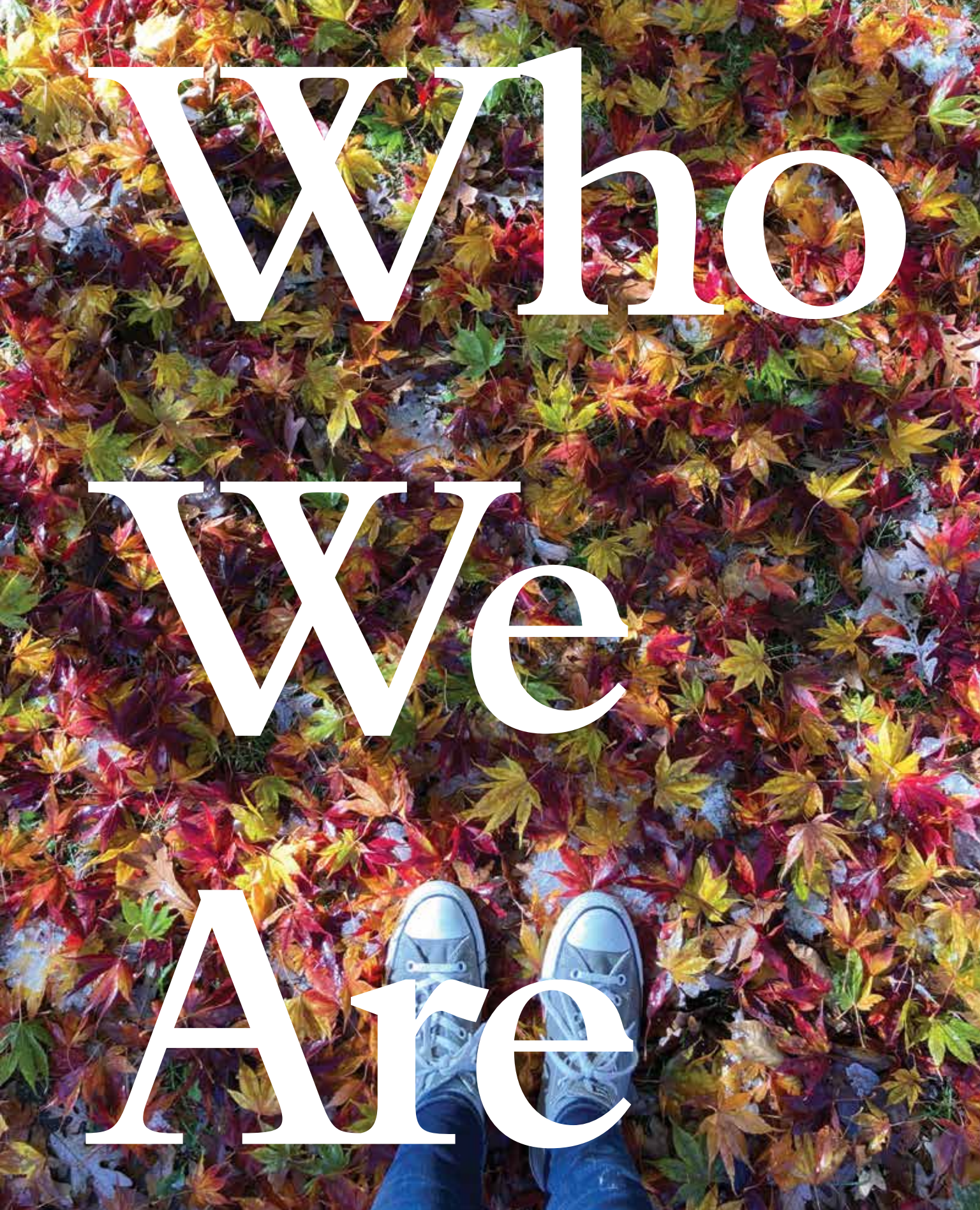
OBJECTIVE: To ensure the financial security of the GCA.

- A Stewardship Committee has been established to foster a culture of giving in the GCA.
- Financial management software has been upgraded to support accounting and stewardship functions.

Vitality

OBJECTIVE: To ensure the long-term success of the GCA.

- Member club and club member experiences are priorities.
- Emphasis has been placed on creating new member club models and on finding ways to reach new audiences.
- A conversation about building diversity within GCA leadership has begun.


Who
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A New Approach *for a* Virtual World

For the first time in the GCA's history, the organization was able to directly connect with individual club members across the country, including them in all GCA conferences virtually, free-of-charge. Taking full advantage of advances in technology, the GCA delivered high quality programming and educational opportunities all year long. The GCA and club leadership teams transitioned meetings, plans, and outings to a virtual platform with the determination to continue to fully operate and have meaningful experiences for club members. As a result, here is a summary of the virtual events that took place:

- 113 virtual zone meetings, presidents councils, workshops, and committee gatherings with **2,926** participants
- **7** free virtual conferences with over ***10,000*** combined attendees, featuring more than **80** exceptional speakers
- *8,715* minutes (*or 145 hours*) spent in Zoom interactions
- Dozens of clubs and the GCA hosted virtual flower shows showcasing members' creativity
- *1 virtual judging workshop* attended by 768 Judging Program members
- *4,497* virtual conference surveys reflecting feedback that **95%** of participants were *very satisfied* or *satisfied* with the events
- Transitioning to virtual experiences reduced our carbon footprint by **4,516,425 pounds or 2,258 tons of CO_2.**

"Attending a virtual GCA Photography Conference, open and free to all GCA members, is a true advantage of GCA membership. Where else can a true novice or a seasoned judge learn and be inspired by experts and educators about relevant topics tailored to our audience without leaving home?"

—**Fairfield GC** member

Seven Virtual Conferences

- Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference
- Conservation Study Conference
- Photography Conference
- Judging Workshop
- National Affairs & Legislation Conference
- Floral Design Conference
- GCA Annual Meeting

The Garden Club of America's virtual *Around the Green* flower show, honoring the legacy of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., the founder of American landscape architecture, was made available to the public for the first time ever. It showcased 142 horticulture plant specimens, 16 floral designs, 26 botanical arts creations, 108 photographs, 12 conservation videos, and a film highlighting Olmsted's design principles

Holly Heider Chapple, one of many speakers at the Floral Design Conference, presented "Designing for Spring at Hope Flower Farm," sharing techniques in floral artistry. She also narrated a tour of her Virginia farm.

"As a new member, attending the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference was a great opportunity to get a sense for the depth and breadth of GCA talent and expertise. I was so impressed with the quality of the speakers and presentations. The opportunity to see gardens—Chicago Botanic Garden and Chicago's Bloomingdale Trail—and hear from landscape architects was a highlight. It was so interesting, I Zoomed through both days!"

—**Ladue GC** member

Recognizing Club Member and Community Leader Achievements

GCA clubs recognize members annually for exceptional achievements, leadership, and contributions to their clubs, community, and the nation. 677 awards and commendations were presented during the year, a 35% increase, illustrating the continued efforts and commitment of GCA club members to highlight excellence during the pandemic. Existing projects were maintained; new projects were implemented. Initiatives in horticulture, conservation, civic improvement, and garden history continued and expanded. Achievements in floral design, photography, and botanical arts reached new levels. Communication efforts took on new forms and energy.

A beautiful GCA certificate is given to all award recipients. New certificates are being created which highlight colorful endangered plants and their pollinators.

Congratulations to all award recipients, and thank you for continuing to give your best to your club and the GCA!

Cultivating Common Ground & Building Diversity

The GCA Executive Board has opened a conversation about diversity and inclusivity, appointing an ad hoc committee on Cultivating Common Ground & Building Diversity to formally explore whether having a more diverse GCA national leadership would allow the organization to better achieve its purpose and vision. The ad hoc committee is composed of 12 club members who represent a cross-section of GCA club membership.

As the year unfolded, leaders from across the country were asked their opinions about diversity at the national leadership level. Additionally, many member clubs asked the GCA for guidance about how they might become more diverse. In response, the GCA hosted a virtual roundable conversation, led by Brian Vogt, 2021 Annual Meeting keynote speaker, and MaryLynn Mack, American Public Gardens Association president. Open to all club members, the discussion invited club member feedback about how diversity might strengthen the GCA, and it connected interested individuals who would like to continue the conversation and learn from one another. Reaching broader audiences was a recurring theme, and it was noted that each GCA club is a separate 501(c)3 organization. Clubs make their own governing decisions, and they will determine if and how to approach inclusivity and diversity within their clubs.

The GCA is diverse in many ways—urban and rural member club locations and a broad range of club member ages, educational backgrounds, interests, and talents. And the GCA employs a diverse staff. This rich composite has made the GCA the strong and vibrant organization that it is today. We are continually exploring ways to better fulfill our purpose and vision.

The GCA By The Numbers 2020-2021

Your National GCA

12 EXECUTIVE BOARD officers

12 GEOGRAPHICAL ZONES 12+ annual zone gatherings

400+ CLUB MEMBERS SERVING at the GCA national level

23 NATIONAL AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES providing resources for clubs

$4.6MM OPERATING EXPENSES LAST YEAR: revenue sources are dues, investment income, and contributions

$47MM INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO LAST YEAR: includes 30+ designated funds

Who We Are

199 MEMBER CLUBS IN **40** STATES & THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

17,500+ CLUB MEMBERS

84 HONORARY MEMBERS

735 ACTIVE PARTIANTS IN THE JUDGING PROGRAM in floral design, horticulture, & photography

8 INTERNATIONAL COURTESY CLUBS

What We Do

275 FOUNDERS FUND PROJECTS in communities across the country

21 GCA SPONSORED AND CLUB FLOWER SHOWS in the last year

10 ELIZABETH ABERNATHY HULL AWARDS presented in 2021 for environmental education of children

7 ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCES

28 MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

13 RESTORATION INITIATIVE GRANTS

66 ACTIVE PARTNERS FOR PLANTS PROJECTS conserving national, state & local public lands throughout the US

76 FREEMAN MEDAL AWARDS recognizing underutilized North American native plants

677 CLUB AND ZONE AWARDS/ COMMENDATIONS presented last year

10 NATIONAL MEDALS awarded in 2021

34 GARDENS DOCUMENTED in the last year for the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens; 4,857 to date

10 POSITION PAPERS on public policy issues

6 PUBLICATIONS

2020 Financials

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020*

Please note that the audit of the 2021 financials for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 was not yet completed at press time.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Cash	$145,837
Contributions receivable	1,920,699
Prepaid expenses, security deposit and other current assets	288,628
Property & equipment, net	410,433
Interest in charitable remainder unitrust	837,443
Investments, at fair value	43,624,033
Total Assets	**$47,227,073**

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$233,610
Deferred rent	394,379
Liability under charitable remainder unitrust	155,533
Total Liabilities	**$783,522**

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	
General	$2,383,215
Board designated endowment	2,038,609
With donor restrictions	42,021,727
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$47,227,073**

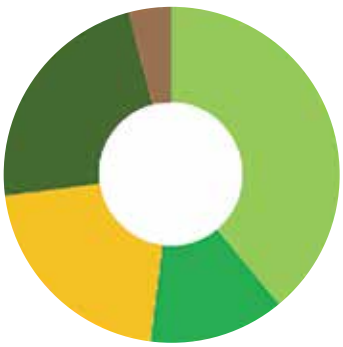
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Support & Revenue

Contributions	$3,357,747
Membership dues	1,110,524
Registration fees	1,786,724
Net investment income	1,990,152
Change in value of interest in and liability under charitable remainder unitrust	41,649
Other	235,071
Total Revenue	**$8,521,867**

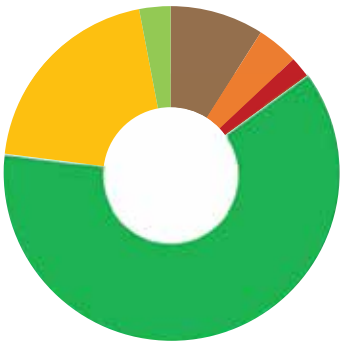
Expenses

Program Services	
Scholarships	$390,620
Civic projects	187,994
Medals & awards	71,977
Educational programs	2,908,665
Supporting Services	
Management & general	950,120
Fundraising	157,127
Total Expenses	**$4,666,503**
Increase in Net Assets	**$3,855,364**



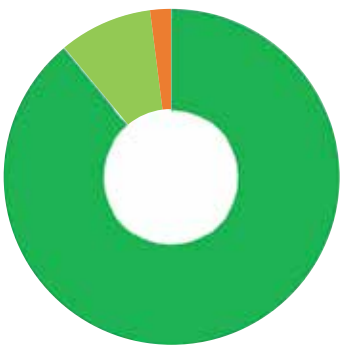
GCA Revenues

- Contributions (39%)
- Membership dues (13%)
- Registration fees (21%)
- Net investment income (23%)
- Other (4%)



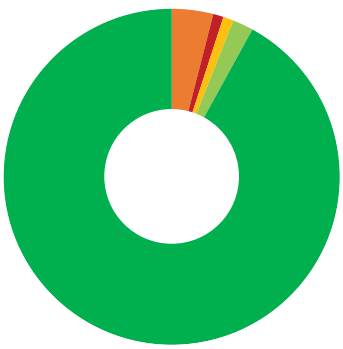
GCA Expenses

- Scholarship (9%)
- Civic (4%)
- Medals & awards (2%)
- Educational programs (62%)
- Management & general (20%)
- Fundraising (3%)



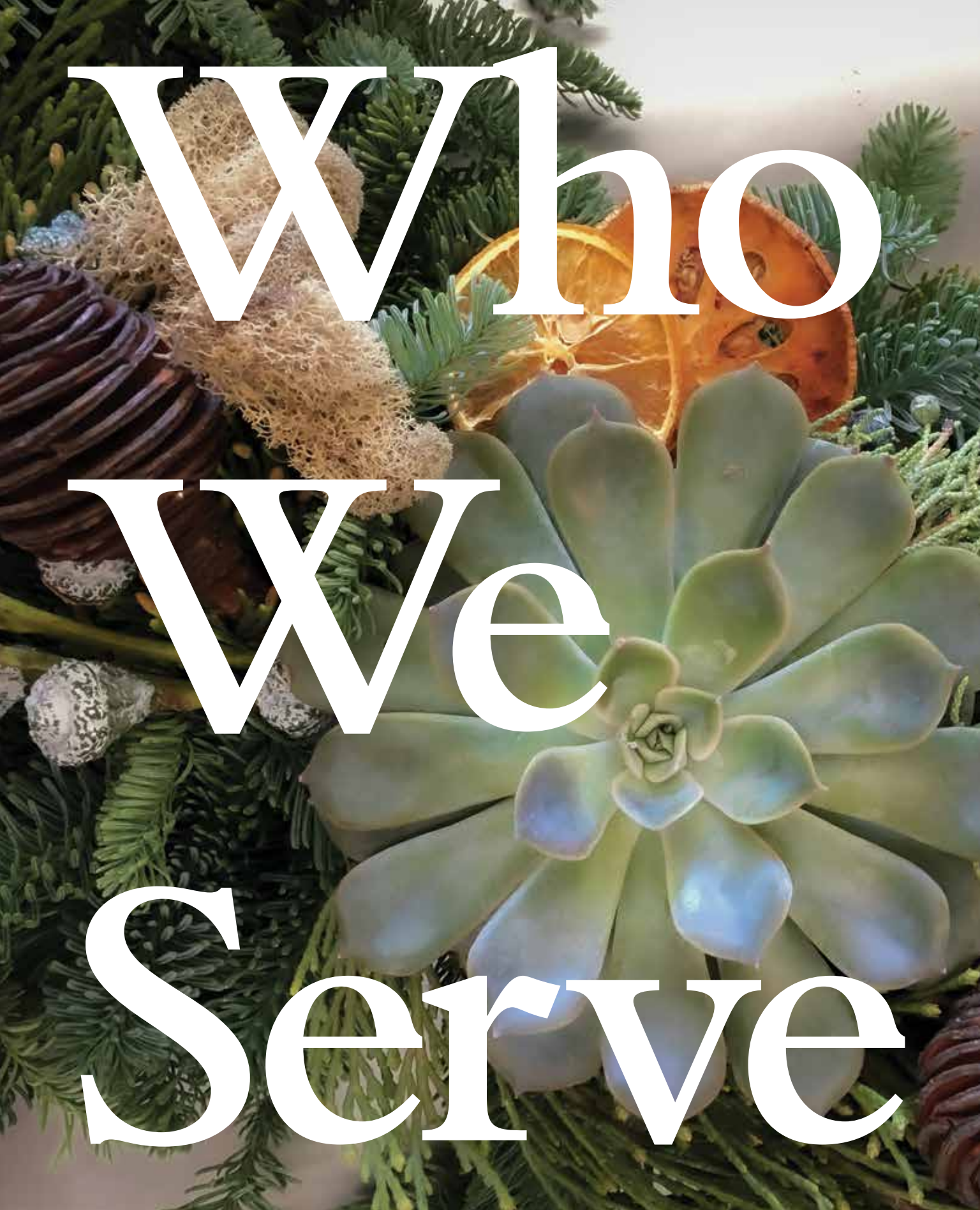
GCA Liabilities and Net Assets

- With donor restrictions (89%)
- Without donor restrictions (9%)
- Total liabilities (2%)



GCA Assets

- Contributions receivable (4%)
- Prepaid expenses, security deposit and other current assets (1%)
- Property & equipment, net (1%)
- Interest in charitable remainder unitrust (2%)
- Investments, at fair value (92%)


Who
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GCA Clubs in Action

The Garden Club of America is composed of 199 clubs with 17,500+ club members nationwide. Clubs advocate for the environment and raise funds to support civic and community organizations. The pandemic slowed some club activities, but it could not defeat the passion and energy of our devoted club members.

Each year club presidents* share their clubs' community involvement. Here is a snapshot of member clubs in action.

Clubs raised funds for organizations in their communities

Clubs donated approximately $5,442,452 to civic and community projects

Clubs donated approximately $394,134 in grants for local scholarships and internships; 50% of clubs sponsored a scholarship

GC of East Hampton funded scholarships for six high school seniors completing an environmental fields study program in a county park. *"The students say that the hands-on experiences the program provides have transformed their understanding of the natural world, and most have incorporated environmental studies into their college curriculum."* —President, **GC of East Hampton**

Trustees' GC created Friends of Forsyth, which raised funds to hire a landscape architecture firm to create a Forsyth Park master plan, and will give the plan to the City of Savannah upon completion.

The **GC of Englewood** marked its Centennial anniversary by donating $10,000 to Flat Rock Brook Nature Center for an outdoor nature classroom. The nature center is a former Founders Fund recipient to restore native ecology.

To celebrate their 90th anniversary, the **Indianapolis GC** donated $100,000 from the Annual Garden Walk fundraisers to restore Thomas Taggart Memorial.

*197 member clubs responded to the annual survey

Little Compton GC members collected residential Styrofoam—polystyrene foam products—sending van loads to Rhode Island Resource Recovery landfill for safe recycling.

Clubs collaborate with others

33% partnered with other like-minded groups in their efforts

For more than 60 years, **Town and Country GC** has worked with other garden clubs in a city-wide effort to raise funds, purchase, and save the remaining 15-acre American Indian burial ground mounds, Sheboygan Indian Mounds Park, from commercial development. Over the years, TCGC has provided signage, brochures, and a comprehensive history of the site, along with clearing trails and eliminating invasive plants each spring.

Collaborating with the Oyster Bay-Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee, **Three Harbors GC** members completed another successful season of Oyster Gardening. Oyster Gardening is the practice of raising and releasing oysters to improve water quality, enhancing marine habitat, and establishing a sustainable oyster population. A single oyster filters up to 50 gallons of water per day, making a significant impact on marine life.

Clubs volunteer in their communities

61% planted natives or wildflowers, and 47% removed invasives

Miss Bo Peep is **New Canaan GC** members' favorite goat, eating invasive plants at Irwin Park as part of its three-year Invasive Species Eradication Project to educate the public about safe weed eradication choices.

Huntingdon Valley GC members planted native plants at Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust nature preserve's entrance, as part of a multi-phase project.

Mill Mountain GC members restored a 50-year-old wildflower garden by replanting wildflowers, removing invasive plants, rebuilding the pond, creating new paths, and installing benches.

65% work with a local or community garden

Westhampton GC created two new community gardens and completed renovation of their school house garden with a focus on native plants.

20% offered programs for youth

Albemarle GC developed a curriculum on wetlands for sixth and seventh grade students in the Charlottesville City Schools. *"The wetlands curriculum coordinates with our club's signature civic project, The Bog Garden at Booker T. Washington Park. We continue to promote the use of this curriculum at local schools, and are rewarded when we hear the children asking pertinent questions about the plantings during our student tours."* —President, **Albemarle GC**

29% collectively planted 1,019 trees

Club plantings numbered from one tree to multiple trees, including:

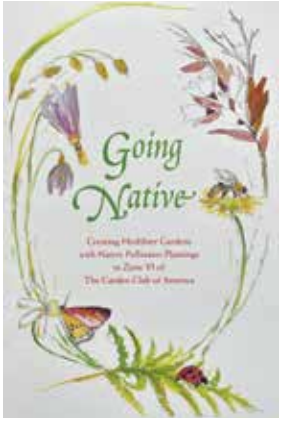
- ***Carolina Foothills GC,*** 25
- ***Greenville GC,*** 30
- ***GC of Allegheny County,*** 50
- ***The Portland GC,*** 150
- ***GC of Dayton,*** 186
- ***GC of Nashville,*** 195

9% published a book, publication, or guide

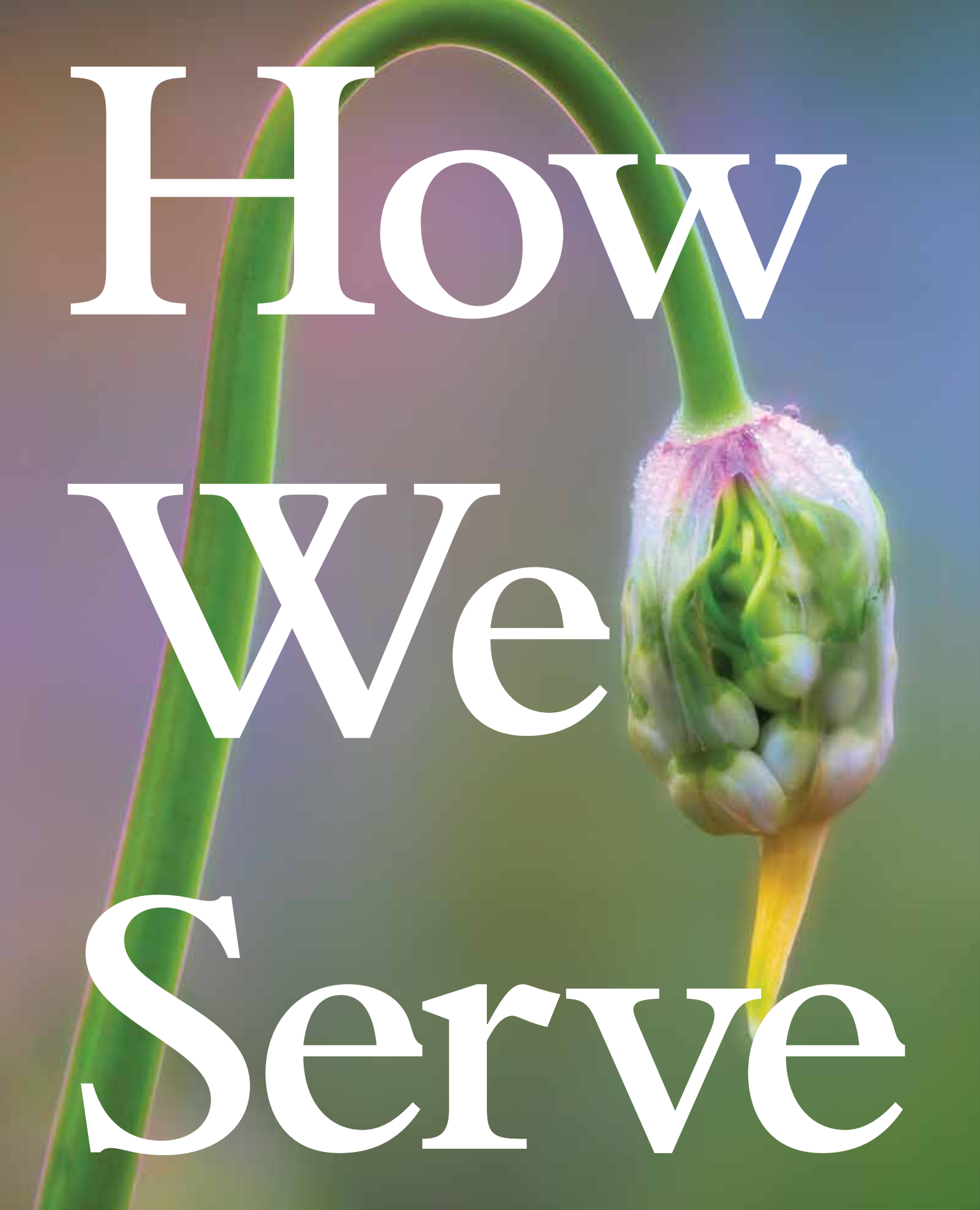
A total of 17 clubs published a book or guide, including **Georgetown and Perennial garden clubs**. They collaborated in producing *Going Native: Creating Healthier Gardens with Native Pollinator Plantings in Zone VI.* The booklet was distributed to GCA Zone VI club members, nurseries, public gardens, and other interested groups.

Kanawha GC celebrated its 100th year by planting 1,000 daffodils at a Charleston, West Virginia cemetery.

The Little GC of Rye sponsored Daffodil Day, providing bulbs and teaching students at five elementary/middle schools about the fun of growing daffodils.



Going Native provides lists and photos of shade and sun perennials, trees, shrubs, vines, and grasses for Zone VI, plus two garden design plans using sun or shade native plants.


How
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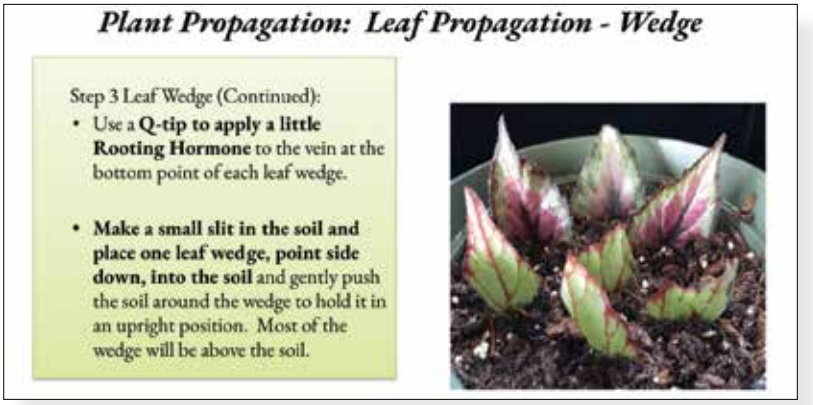
Garden

At the heart of the GCA is a passion for gardening. Through horticulture, the GCA is stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening through education and action, promoting and preserving native plants, and developing an appreciation for community parks and America's gardens.


Plant Propagation: Leaf Propagation - Wedge
Step 3 Leaf Wedge (Continued):
• Use a Q-tip to apply a little Rooting Hormone to the vein at the bottom point of each leaf wedge.
• Make a small slit in the soil and place one leaf wedge, point side down, into the soil and gently push the soil around the wedge to hold it in an upright position. Most of the wedge will be above the soil.

Stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening through education and action

Horticulture 101: Knowing, Growing and Showing

Starting plants from seed is one of the most satisfying and economical ways to propagate plants. How about propagating from a leaf? Now there is a GCA on-line workshop and manual to teach just that.

The program was launched with eight online workshops on propagation and flower show techniques. Adaptable for groups or individual instruction, the workshops include step-by-step instruction manuals and slide shows. Developed by the Horticulture Committee, the workshop topics include Air Layering, Propagating Plants from Seed, Transplanting and Growing Seedlings, Leaf Propagation, Propagating Seeds in a Gallon Jug Greenhouse, Showing Stem Cuttings, and Showing Container Grown Plants.

Meg Tapp, The GC of Houston, won the Rosie Jones Horticulture Award at the *Salute* 2021 virtual flower show for "exceptional visual appeal that reflects the spirit of growing with joy and enthusiasm, and inspires others to propagate, grow, show, and share horticulture."

Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference

For the first time, a GCA conference was open virtually to all club members from coast to coast, replacing the in-person format due to COVID-19 restrictions. It was a huge success, giving all viewers a front row seat from the comfort of home.

Held in September 2020, the **Meneice Conference** was viewed by 2,000+ participants—a whopping eight times the number of the usual in-person attendance of 250. As with previous conferences, the 2020 Meneice Conference included topnotch speakers, lectures, and garden tours, including the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Lurie Garden, Northwind Perennial Farm, and Detroit's Oudolf Garden.

The late Shirley Meneice, 1923-2020

Promoting and protecting plants

The 2021 **Montine McDaniel Freeman Medal: GCA Plant of the Year** was awarded to *Cephalanthus occidentalis*, commonly known as buttonbush or honey bells. This North American shrub is known for its striking summer flowers which look like spiky ping pong balls. It attracts pollinators, and provides winter fruit for dozens of bird species.

Honorable Mention was awarded to *Prunus Mexicana* or Mexican plum tree. Special Recognition was awarded to *Ehretia anacua* or sandpaper tree.

The **Freeman Medal** is the only GCA medal awarded to a plant. Since 1995, it has been presented to woody plants in odd years and to herbaceous plants in even years. The medal preserves and promotes the cultivation and use of underutilized plants.

Encouraging an appreciation for community parks and America's gardens

North Country Garden Club of Long Island members raise their hats to Frederick Law Olmsted's gardening legacy.

Hats Off to Olmsted

The 200th anniversary celebration of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr., regarded as the Father of American Landscape Architecture, is being marked by the GCA to focus attention on Olmsted's revolutionary vision that public parks, landscapes, and open spaces play an important role in a society's mental, physical, and social health. At no time has Olmsted's theory been more relevant than during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The GCA's initiative—PARKS: Where Nature Meets Community—was launched in April 2021 by the Garden History & Design Committee to encourage all 199 GCA member clubs to honor Olmsted's legacy by supporting a park or other civic improvement project to benefit local communities.

Olmsted's legacy includes masterworks of public spaces such as New York City's Central Park, the U.S. Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C., and the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina. The GCA is a proud founding partner of Olmsted 200, the national bicentennial celebration organization.

"PARKS initiative projects demonstrate the powerful impact GCA members have as supporters of public spaces in their communities! Thank you, GCA clubs!"

—GCA Garden History & Design Chairman

"Much of the change we had to embrace was surprisingly welcomed last year, such as including the entire membership in the spectacular first virtual Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference; but at the same time, gardening during the pandemic remained unchanged... perhaps even nearer and dearer than ever to our hearts and hands."

—GCA Horticulture Chairman

Create

Committed to inspire and be inspired, the GCA fully utilized online resources and expertise to present new virtual conferences in photography and floral design. Superb speakers, tips, tools, tricks, and resources fueled the imaginations and designs of club members and influenced their creations in Botanical Arts, Floral Design, and Photography.

Botanical Arts

Impressive trompe l'oeil objects are created with dried plant materials to resemble exquisite jewels, bouquets, bugs, embellishments, couture, forms, and much more. Needlepoint and pressed plant creations offer a different form of craftsmanship.

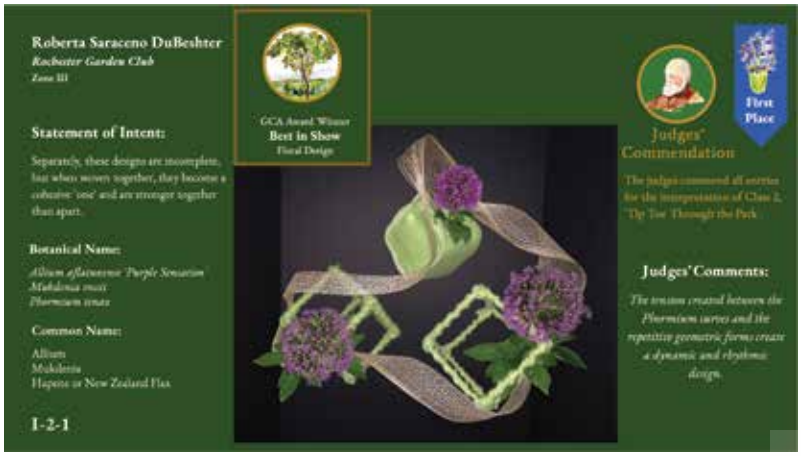
Kathy Raspberry, Shreveport Garden Study Club, received Best in Show and GCA Novice Award in Botanical Arts for her Art Deco necklace at *Salute*, the Zone IX Flower Show.

Karen Marache and Julie Pryor, Greenwich GC, captured first place in Botanical Arts at the 2021 *Around the Green* Annual Meeting Flower Show with this quilt pattern piece of pressed flowers.

Floral Design

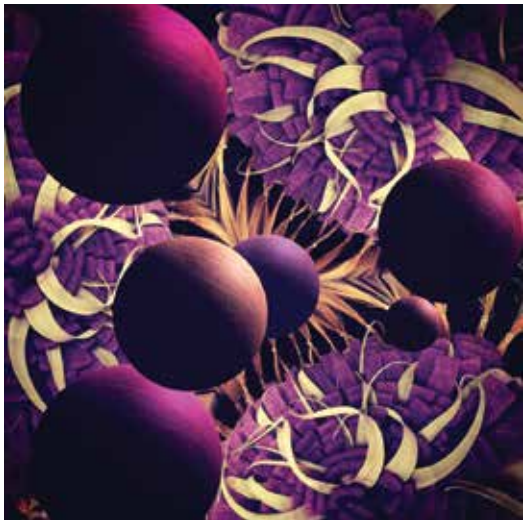
The Floral Design Committee offered its inaugural virtual Floral Design Conference, ***Springtide***, in April with 2,000-plus participants logging in to observe top floral artists in action. Member clubs continued to hold safely distanced workshops using live plant material to provide educational opportunities for sharing and improving floral design skills.

Many flower shows were cancelled, forcing clubs to innovate. When the GC of Palm Beach cancelled its planned first Major Flower Show, club leadership got creative, designing an outdoor flower show at The Society of the Four Arts gardens where 2,000 visitors were treated to over-the-top designs. GCPB members Melinda Hassen, Kathy Weller, and Mary Doffermyre displayed their skills using flower-laden pink flamingos.



Roberta Saraceno DuBeshter, **Rochester GC**, captured Best in Show and First Place in Floral Design at the GCA's virtual flower show, *Around the Green*, with its educational focus.

Photography



Yoni Mayeri, **Orinda GC**, captured the Photography Creativity Award at the 2021 *Around the Green* Annual Meeting Flower Show for her colorful, captivating, creative photo.

Innovation in smartphone technology, photography apps, online workshops, seminars, and a photography conference provide tremendous opportunities for photographers to experiment with creative techniques using their cameras and phones. More than 1,700 club members tuned into the first virtual Photography Conference, ***Focus on Photography—Imagine the Possibilities***, presented by the Photography Committee in January. This one-day event extended the opportunity to learn from six exceptional, professional photography speakers. Photography Study Group seminars offer classroom instruction and shooting on location, when feasible, and other GCA online resources deliver chances for continuing education.

"By showcasing topics relevant to garden club members, the GCA's virtual Photography Conference provided excellent instruction and inspiration to iPhone photographers and professionals alike."

—Fairfield GC member

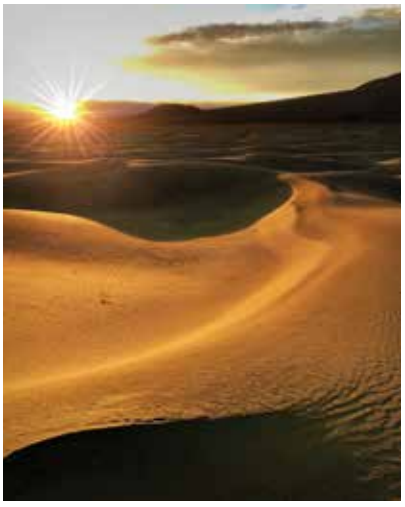
"The Flower Show Committee embraced change in a way we never would have imagined! When the GCA decided to offer the option of holding virtual flower shows, many clubs decided to give it a try. The shows have been fabulous! I think that everyone would agree that we all want to get back together in person, but for clubs who have not been able to do this yet, these shows are a way to keep the creative juices flowing."

—GCA, Flower Show Chairman

Advocate

The Garden Club of America is committed to advocating for local and national environmental legislation, creating conservation awareness, promoting the preservation of natural resources, and encouraging and supporting worldwide research through scholarships.

Advocating for local and national environmental legislation



The GCA has championed conservation education and advocacy for more than 100 years, supporting clean air, clean water, and a healthy planet through issue-based policy and legislative solutions.

The Great American Outdoors
For nearly 40 years, the GCA has advocated for permanent funding for the Land & Water Conservation Funding Act (LWCA), created in 1965. Over the past two years, GCA club members made calls, wrote emails, and visited their elected officials at home and in Washington, DC to advocate for passage of the **Great American Outdoors Act** (GAOA), the most important conservation legislation in 50 years. The GAOA passed Congress and was signed into law August 4, 2020, providing $1.9 billion annually over five years for infrastructure repairs at national parks, and, permanent, mandatory funding of $900 million annually for the LWCA.

The Nation's Scenic Byways
The Garden Club of America continues its 100+ year opposition to billboards along our nation's scenic byways, collaborating with Scenic America and friends to revitalize the National Scenic Byways Program and defend the beauty of our roads and highways.

Creating conservation awareness

National Affairs & Legislation Conference
Climate Change Solutions, organized by the National Affairs & Legislation Committee and held in February via Zoom, was open to all club members, not limited to 350 delegates attending in person at the US Capitol as in the past.

More than 1,700 GCA club members tuned in to the two-day, live NAL Conference, eager to learn about how individual and collective action can modify the course of climate change. The GCA hosted virtual sessions with speakers—representing Congress, the Biden administration, industry, science, and climate change practitioners —to address our changing climate, to learn why we should care, and to learn about what we can do.

Conservation Study Conference

The GCA's Conservation Study Conference opened wide the virtual doors of its November 2020 conference, welcoming over 1,900 eager participants with a live format, rich with speakers, videos, in-depth information, and question-and-answer sessions,

Embracing the change of a virtual format, the Conservation Committee presented ***This Land is Your Land, Conservation Through Conscientious Land Stewardship***. Through speakers and videos, club members were offered unmatched opportunities for education on land conservation and stewardship topics ranging from the ecological value of the California Redwoods to the importance of 20 million bats who summer in Texas' Bracken Cave to the beauty of America's wildest places to club members' backyards, and much more.

"Embracing change turned out to be more inclusive for GCA club members who had a unique opportunity to learn from renowned leaders in conservation with the first virtual Conservation Study Conference, *This Land is Your Land*."

—GCA Conservation Chairman

Promoting the preservation of natural resources

Six northern California clubs hosted a Bay Visions virtual symposium, "*The Power of Plants Will Save the Bay*," in a joint effort to save San Francisco Bay. This was the second public symposium organized by the Bay Visions Committee, representing a collaboration of **Piedmont, Woodside-Atherton, Marin, Hillsborough, Orinda, and Carmel-by-the Sea** garden clubs.

More than 700 attended the 90-minute webinar featuring bay area scientists who are collaborating on ways to protect San Francisco Bay from the risks posed by climate change, sea-level rise, and development.

Encouraging and supporting worldwide research

A new GCA Fellowship in Conservation Horticulture was established this year to promote plant conservation capacity and coordination among US botanic gardens and/or public gardens.

Inaugural scholar Caleb Lumsden will be working at Holden Forests & Gardens in Ohio to initiate a breeding program that aims to develop novel genotypes of eastern hemlock that are resistant to invasive pests.

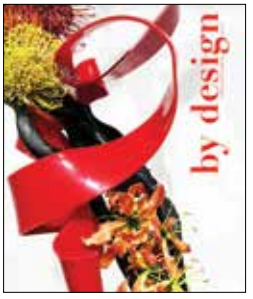
EDUCATE

Central to the purpose of The Garden Club of America is educating club members by providing informative meetings and conferences, correspondence, and publications. In addition, the GCA honors, celebrates, and supports those who further the organization's purpose through their own work.

Correspondence and Publications

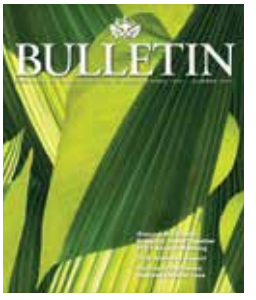
Through a series of print and online publications, an active social media presence, and an interactive website with on-demand programming, the GCA connects clubs and club members to one another, a tangible "advantage of association."

Publications include:



▲ ***By Design*** is a full color, digital publication produced three times each year by the Floral Design Committee. It offers beautiful photographs and educational articles about the latest styles, trends, and materials used in floral design.

▼ ***Bulletin,*** published quarterly since 1913, offers in-depth articles aligning with GCA priorities, and covers GCA club and zone news, reports from national committees, and GCA conferences and meetings. The *Bulletin* is available both in print and digitally, and is published by the Bulletin Committee.



▼ ***ConWatch*** is a digital publication produced three times a year by the Conservation and NAL committees, covering timely topics like the polar ice melt, pesticides, water quality, climate change, regenerative agriculture, and club conservation projects.

▲ ***Focus*** offers a platform for seasoned and novice photographers to explore creative and artistic instincts through the lens of a camera. The online publication is produced three times a year by the Photography Committee.

▼ ***The Real Dirt*** is a digital publication produced three times a year by the Horticulture Committee. TRD's features range from in-depth articles to handy tips and wisdom shared from one gardener to another.

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▲ ***Social Media*** helps spread GCA news. Through *Instagram* (@thegardenclubofamerica), *Twitter* (@gcamerica.org), and *Facebook* (The Garden Club of America @ thegardenclubofamerica), members have found an instant connection to one another and the GCA at large.

▶ ***It's Yours: Programs on Demand*** is an exciting new resource developed by the Program Committee. Three impressive, virtual programs were presented this past year, available to all GCA club members to enjoy or for clubs to use for programming.

▲ ***eNews*** is the GCA's monthly electronic newsletter sent to all GCA club members. It serves as the primary source of late-breaking announcements as well as timely articles on committee activities, events, and publications. It is produced by the Communications Committee.

GCA Scholarships The GCA awarded over $300,000 to the 2021 class of scholars—representing 61 graduate and undergraduate students who are highly motivated, immensely qualified, and impressive in their visions for a healthy future.

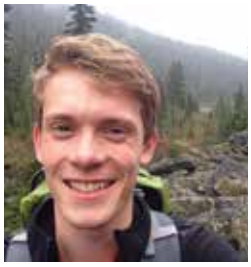
The GCA's educational commitment to these leaders of tomorrow is the result of GCA clubs and club members who faithfully and generously support the 28 scholarships.

Diverse in their backgrounds and culture, the scholars all share a love of science and nature. Scholar research covers a wide range of study in the fields of botany, coastal wetlands, conservation, ecological restoration, desert studies, national parks conservation, garden history and design, landscape architecture, horticulture, native bird habitat, pollinator research, and environmental and urban forestry.

Since the 1928 establishment of the GCA's first scholarship, the Rome Prize Fellowship in Landscape Architecture, the GCA has funded more than 1,400 worthy scholars.

"In the midst of change, we are grateful for the steadfastness of the GCA community believing in the benefits of education and scientific research, enabling our amazing scholars to pursue their dreams of building a better future."

—GCA Scholarship Chairman



National Medalists

The Garden Club of America annually recognizes extraordinary efforts to protect and beautify the planet by awarding its highest honors to individuals and institutions. The GCA is proud to honor the 2021 national medalists whose vision, accomplishments, and efforts further the GCA purpose.

Christián Samper, PhD—The Elizabeth Craig Weaver Proctor Medal
Nainoa Thompson—The Cynthia Pratt Laughlin Medal
Douglas Brinkley, PhD—The Frances K. Hutchinson Medal
Diane Lewis, MD—The Margaret Douglas Medal
Sylvia Abbott—The Katharine Thomas Cary Medal
The Preservation Society of Newport County—The Historic Preservation Medal
Richard A. Jaynes, PhD—The Eloise Payne Luquer Medal
Amy Goldman Fowler, PhD—The Florens DeBevoise Medal
Laurie Olin, FASLA—The Elvira Broome Doolan Medal
Thomas A. Christopher—The Sarah Chapman Francis Medal

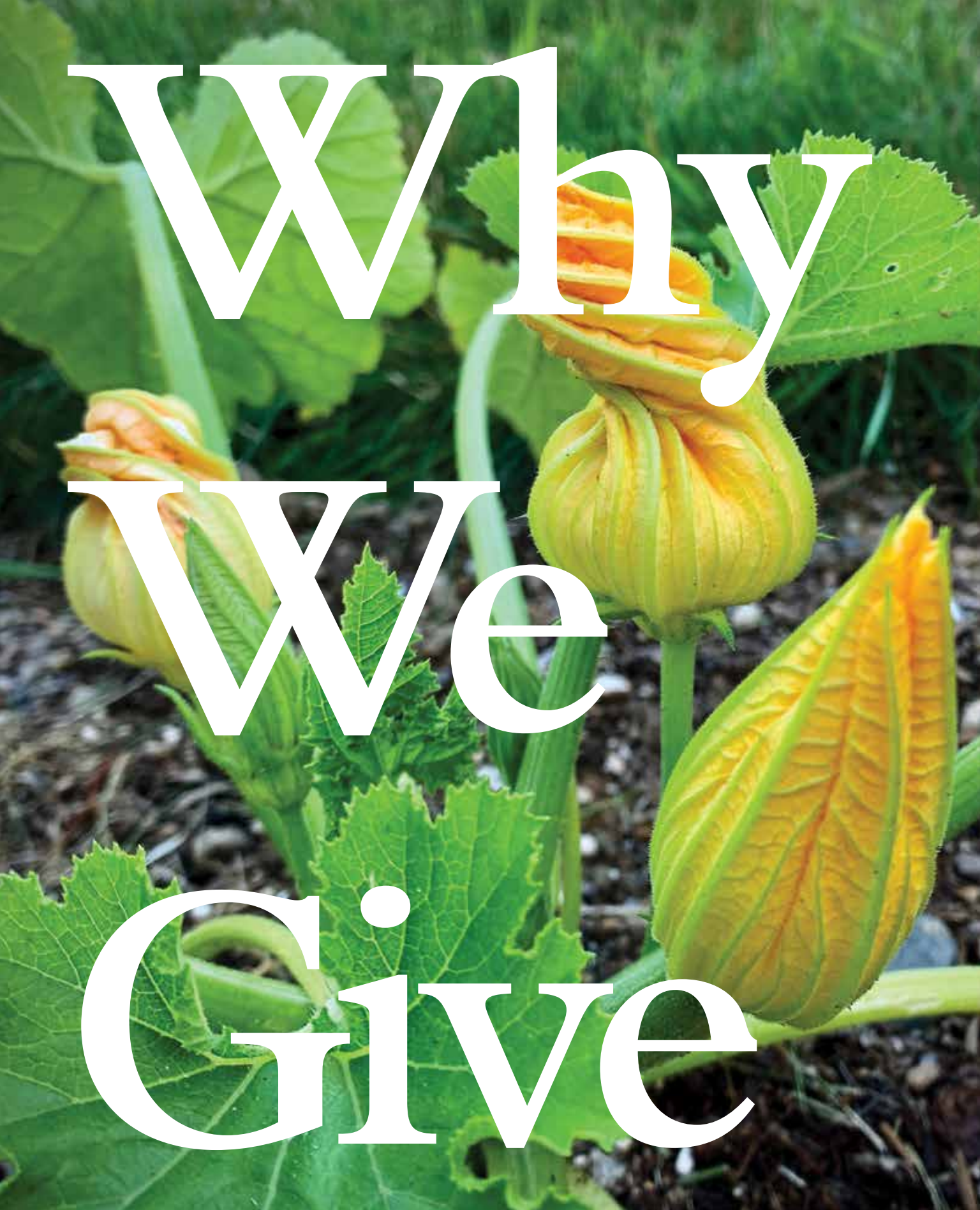
Honorary Members

Each year the GCA recognizes women and men with an established reputation in horticulture or conservation, or with knowledge and interest in the purpose of The Garden Club of America with honorary membership. The GCA is pleased to include these outstanding leaders as 2021 honorary members.

Susan Cohen—a gifted residential landscape architect and coordinator of the New York Botanical Garden Landscape Design Certificate Program, she was instrumental in developing the Smith College Landscape Studies Program in the early 1990's, the first of its kind at a liberal arts undergraduate college.

William E. Friedman, PhD—a botanist and distinguished Harvard University educator, he is the director of the Arnold Arboretum and has made it a shining example of how arboreta can function as prized community resources.

Marla Spivak, PhD—a MacArthur Fellow and McKnight Distinguished Professor of Entomology at the University of Minnesota, she conducts research on honeybees—specifically colony collapse disorder.



Why We Give

Civic Improvement

Atlanta Community Schoolyards, P4P Pollinator Project plan at Dobbs Elementary School, nominated by **Cherokee GC**.

GCA member clubs are the hearts and souls of their communities. The clubs are leaders in civic improvement and restoration, and the GCA provides financial support for these important projects across the country. The GCA's four grant programs provide over $160,000 annually to clubs to facilitate this vital work: the Founders Fund, the Hull Awards, Partners for Plants, and the Restoration Initiative.

Committed to responsible fiscal oversight of these grants and to assure that all awards align with the organization's purpose and vision, the GCA created the Civic Improvement Committee to simplify the grant application process for clubs. A byproduct will be the ability to facilitate the exchange of civic improvement-related project ideas among member clubs.

Restoring Our Communities

Partners for Plants (P4P)—Begun in 1992, P4P is a habitat restoration program, providing grants and facilitating hands-on projects between GCA member clubs and land managers on federal, state, local, and other public lands. Projects may include monitoring and conserving rare plants, restoring native habitats, and removing invasives. In 2020-2021, there were 66 active P4P projects, including 12 new projects, with a total funding of $65,000.

Restoration Initiative—The GCA established the Restoration Initiative in 2017 to assist clubs in communities devastated by catastrophic environmental events, including fires, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes. Thirteen grants of $10,000 each have been awarded to GCA clubs in California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia to restore devastated public lands.

Improving Our Communities

Founders Fund—Currently there are 275 Founders Fund projects, representing a $1.5 million investment by the GCA in communities across the country. The Founders Fund was established in 1934 to honor the first GCA President, Elizabeth Price Martin. Since the first $700 grant was made in 1936, the Founders Fund has grown through generous donations by GCA clubs and club members. Today, Founders Fund projects receive $30,000 for the winning project and $10,000 each for the two runners-up.

"Rhododendron Glen: Healing a Historic Stream and Engaging All Ages in Urban Water Ecology," in Seattle's Olmsted Brothers-designed Washington Park Arboretum, proposed by **Seattle GC**.

The 2021 winning project was proposed by the **Seattle GC.** The club financially supported its longtime civic initiative in Washington Park Arboretum to restore the health of Rhododendron Glen watershed and to aid in reclaiming its deteriorated stream, choked by silt and invasive plants. The restored stream's channel outlet will adjoin Seattle GC's Centennial Garden, a $100,000 gift made in 2017 by the club.

2021 Runners-up: "Going Native: A Public-Private Partnership Transforms Forgotten Land into an Oasis of Native Plantings," in Ormond Beach, FL, proposed by **The GC of the Halifax Country**; "Houston Hospice: Family Terrace and Commemorative Gardens," in Houston, TX, proposed by **The GC of Houston**.

Supporting Our Communities

Elizabeth Abernathy Hull Award—The GCA awarded 10 Hull scholarships for the 2020–2021 year to celebrate teachers and community volunteers who educate youth under the age of 16 in horticulture and the environment, inspiring them to appreciate the beauty and fragility of the planet.

The award, introduced in 1993, is named for Miss Elizabeth Abernathy Hull (1900-1996) celebrating her concern for the environment and her common-sense horticultural approach. Hull recipients receive $1,000 to use at their discretion.

Hull Award winner Jennifer Erving is an "in the field" educator at Norfolk Botanical Garden's World of Wonders Children's Garden, where she believes environmental education is vital.

Support

We give to make a difference in this world.

Stewardship allows The Garden Club of America to further its vision and purpose to work toward a beautiful, healthy planet—by restoring, improving, and protecting the quality of the environment through conservation and civic improvement.

With funds entrusted to the GCA through the Second Century Campaign, the Annual Fund, The Great Oak Society (planned and estate giving), club dues, and endowment income, the GCA supports clubs and communities through grants, scholarships, and educational programs.

Gifts made by GCA club members in the past allowed the GCA to produce high quality, virtual conferences—conservation, floral design, horticulture, National Affairs and Legislation, and photography—and to offer them free of charge to all GCA club members this year and to create a framework to continue to offer virtual experiences in the future. This breakthrough in technology propelled the GCA boldly into new territory, gaining appreciative audiences who turn with increased frequency to the GCA website for information and for educational on-demand programming.

Won't you please consider making a gift to the Annual Fund this year? Your gift allows the GCA to make a difference—just as it has for 108 years.

Donate at gcamerica.org/contribute.

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—The Stewardship Committee

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